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7 June 1956

Memorandum for: The Director

Subject: Appearance before the
Commission on Government Security

1. This memorandum is for your information.
2. Mickey Ladd, of the Commission on Government Security, called me regarding your agreement with Mr. Loyd Wright to appear before the Commission on Saturday, June 16. The purpose of Mr. Ladd's call was to assure us that the Chairman was not interested in having the Commission briefed on CIA security procedures or any of the other types of things which the Commission is going to be investigating. The purpose of requesting you to appear was to give the Commission an informal briefing on current developments in international communism, I gather somewhat along the lines of speeches you have made recently. Mr. Ladd informed me privately that he and the Chairman are afraid that some of the recent "sweet talk" from Moscow may have tended to influence attitudes of some of the Commission members as to the real nature of the Communist menace.
3. I would judge from what Mr. Ladd told me that they are not expecting any kind of a formal or prepared statement, unless you would prefer to handle the matter that way. You will be getting a letter within a day or two formally inviting you to appear.

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Legislative Counsel

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